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Services Division

Satellite Committee

(Committee Meeting of 14 November 1956)

The Committee discussed the following current items:

In the first six months of 1956 Czechoslovakia exported about \$7 million US worth of platinum to the Netherlands. This platinum, which no doubt came from the USSR, is 60% more than Czechoslovakia exported to the Netherlands in the first half of 1955. (██████████, x 8182)

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In the first 20 days of October, Polish coal shipments to East Germany averaged 13 trains daily. In the last 11 days, the average was 29 trains daily. If true, this development negates the earlier report that Poland would cease shipping hard coal to East Germany.

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In a recent comment, Suslov, of the Soviet Party Presidium, stated that differences in a country's (Satellite) approach to Socialism can be permitted with respect to the "pace of socializing the main means of production." Presumably, this gives authoritative permission to Poland--and perhaps other Satellites--to readjust parts of its economic plans. (██████████, x 2822)

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Press reports indicate that arrears in domestic grain deliveries in Poland amounted to 200,000 tons on 1 November. In apparent response to the agricultural shortages in both Poland and Hungary, the USSR is giving certain needed commodities to these countries.

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At its next meeting on 21 November, Mr. ██████████, Chief of the Hungarian Desk of DD/P's Eastern Europe Division will discuss recent developments in Hungary. This meeting will be outside of the barrier in 1125 M at 1330.

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